

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
November 18, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Mr. Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Rev. Jason Dorriety gave the invocation, after which, everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: The following board members were present at the meeting: Dr. Doug Atkins, Mr. Greg Balog, Mr. David Blanding, Mr. C. Nakia Davis, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. Frank Kellam, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Gary Burgess

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Doug Atkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Jason Dorriety made a motion to approve the September 16, September 23, October 10, and October 21, 2024, meeting minutes and Mr. Frank Kellam seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: None

Renaissance Academy Report: Mrs. Binninger provided the board members with the monthly report on enrollment information for the academy. Mrs. Binninger stated that there are 80 students currently enrolled as of November 1, 2024. Two are in the process of enrolling, which will be a total of 82 students. This time last year, there were 82 students enrolled. On the back side of the report, reasons for students leaving the academy are identified. Mr. Upton stated that he would like to tour the Renaissance Academy. Mrs. Binninger will schedule a tour of the Renaissance Academy for any of the board members that would like to attend.

Administrator's Report: Mrs. Binninger announced that the SC School Board Annual Conference on February 20 -23, 2025, will be held at the Kingston Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. The School Board will be celebrating their 75th anniversary.

Mrs. Binninger reminded the board of our Christmas dinner at The Gray House on Tuesday, December 17. She reminded anyone who had not turned in their meal selection form to Joy to please do so by the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Binninger also asked for the board members to please let Joy know their shirt sizes before they leave the meeting.

Mrs. Binninger reminded everyone of the Statement of Economic Interest. Newly elected board members and re-elected incumbent board members need to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission prior to engaging in any official responsibilities. At the latest, this should be filed the day before taking oath of office.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mrs. Binninger reported that all 5 Districts and Renaissance Academy are at 7% to 9% collections for the tax year. This is the district's local revenue. This will start to increase significantly now through January 2025. Property notices were sent out last month.

B. Assessment Totals: Mrs. Binninger reviewed the report for assessment totals county wide through the end of October 2024 is at \$1,047,356,801 value of one mill. This is a decrease of \$95.00 per mill. The value of a mill has continued to remain steady, however this is unusual for this time of year. Mrs. Binninger stated that normally we see an increase in the value of a mill because of the 6% properties we usually have on the books. This year we did not see this information. We will have to wait and see if the value of a mill remains steady or if it will increase.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of October collected was \$3,266,004.78. Collections continue to increase year-over-year and month-over-month. Mrs. Binninger reminded everyone that 20% of these funds are posted to the sinking fund accounts of the districts to rollback debt service millage. The remaining 80% goes to capital projects.

Unfinished Business:

A. Budget Process Review: Mrs. Binninger included in the board members' packets two forms that they have been reviewing. Mrs. Binninger highlighted the changes on the two forms that have been revised for the budget review process. The millage value per student was added to the Supplemental Data document. Poverty level and overall rating for the schools was added to the District Staffing Report. Anticipated district staffing was also added to the report. Questions and comments were made by the board members. Mrs. Binninger stated that if anyone has any more suggestions to please let her know. Mrs. Binninger will be sending the forms out to the district offices for them to review for any suggestions. This information will help make the forms more readable when reviewing the budgets.

Executive Session: A motion was made at 6:27 pm to move to executive session by Mr. C. Nakia Davis, seconded by Mr. Greg Balog, and approved by all members.

A motion was made by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt to exit executive session at 6:41 pm and seconded by Rev. Jason Dorriety. All board members approved.

No action was taken during the executive session. The executive session ended at 6:41 pm.

New Business:

A. Accounts Payable:

Mrs. Binninger presented the Check Register for October 15, 2024 to November 15, 2024. Questions were asked by board members and answered by Mrs. Binninger.

B. 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Dates: Mrs. Binninger presented the board with the proposed 2025 meeting dates. A discussion was held regarding the January meeting date, and a date was selected by the board.

Mr. C. Nakia Davis made a motion to approve the 2025 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Rev. Jason Dorriety. They were approved unanimously.

Meeting Date: The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at The Gray House in Starr.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. C. Nakia Davis, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education.

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.